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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA: STENNIS COMMITTEE RELEASE ON
FY-75 MILCON

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY
SENATOR STENNIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COM-
MITTEE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE'S ACTION IN REPORTING
FAVORABLY ON THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION BILL
FOR FY-75 ON AUGUST 22:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE FULL SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE RE-
PORTED FAVORABLY TODAY ON THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
AUTHORIZATION BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975. THE BILL AS
REPORTED PROVIDES FOR A TOTAL AUTHORITY OF APPROXIMATELY
3,080 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH IS A DECREASE BELOW THE BILL AS
SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS OF 227 MILLION DOLLARS.
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AS PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION BILL THE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED
A TOTAL OF 18.1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR EXPANSION OF MILITARY
FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA IN THE INDIAN
OCEAN- THIS AUTHORIZATION REPRESENTED A 14.8 MILLION
DOLLAR ADDITION FOR NAVAL FACILITIES AND APPROVAL OF A
3.3 MILLION DOLLAR REQUEST FOR AIR FORCE FACILITIES.

IN ADDITION, AN AMENDMENT WAS ADDED BY THE COMMITTEE TO

MAKE THE OBLIGATION OF FUNDS FOR FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA
SUBJECT TO A CERTIFICATION BY PRESIDENT FORD THAT HE HAD
EVALUATED ALL MILITARY AND FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS RE-
GARDING THE NEED FOR U.S. FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA AND
HAD DETERMINED THAT CONSTRUCTION OF ANY PROJECTS ON DIEGO
GARCIA IS ESSENTIAL TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST. THIS CERTIFI-
CATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS AND APPROVED BY A
JOINT RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES BEFORE ANY FUNDS AUTHORIZED
BY THE BILL FOR CONSTRUCTION ON DIEGO GARCIA MAY BE
OBLIGATED. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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